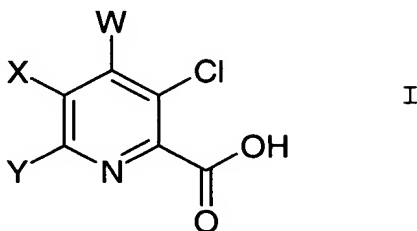


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound of the formula I



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wherein

X represents H or F;

Y represents C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy substituted C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ thioalkoxy substituted C₁-C₄ alkyl, or C₂-C₃ alkenyl; and

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W represents -NO₂, -N₃, -NR₁R₂, -N=CR₃R₄ or -NHN=CR₃R₄

wherein

15 R₁ and R₂ independently represent H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₆ alkenyl, C₃-C₆ alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, amino, C₁-C₆ acyl, C₁-C₆ carboalkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylcarbamyl, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₆ trialkylsilyl or C₁-C₆ dialkyl phosphonyl or R₁ and R₂ taken together with N represent a 5- or 6-membered saturated or unsaturated ring which may contain additional O, S or N heteroatoms; and

20 R₃ and R₄ independently represent H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₆ alkenyl, C₃-C₆ alkynyl, aryl or heteroaryl or R₃ and R₄ taken together with =C represent a 5- or 6-membered saturated ring; and

agriculturally acceptable derivatives of the carboxylic acid group or the 4-amino group.

2. The compounds of Claim 1 in which X represents F
3. The compounds of Claim 1 in which Y represents CH₃ or CH₂CH₃.
4. The compounds of Claim 1 in which W represents NR₁R₂
5 where R₁ and R₂ independently represent H or C₁-C₆ alkyl.
5. A herbicidal composition comprising a herbicidally effective amount of a compound of formula I, as claimed in Claim 1, in admixture with an agriculturally acceptable adjuvant or carrier.
6. A method of controlling undesirable vegetation which
10 comprises contacting the vegetation or the locus thereof with or applying to the soil to prevent the emergence of vegetation an herbicidally effective amount of a compound of formula I, as claimed in Claim 1.